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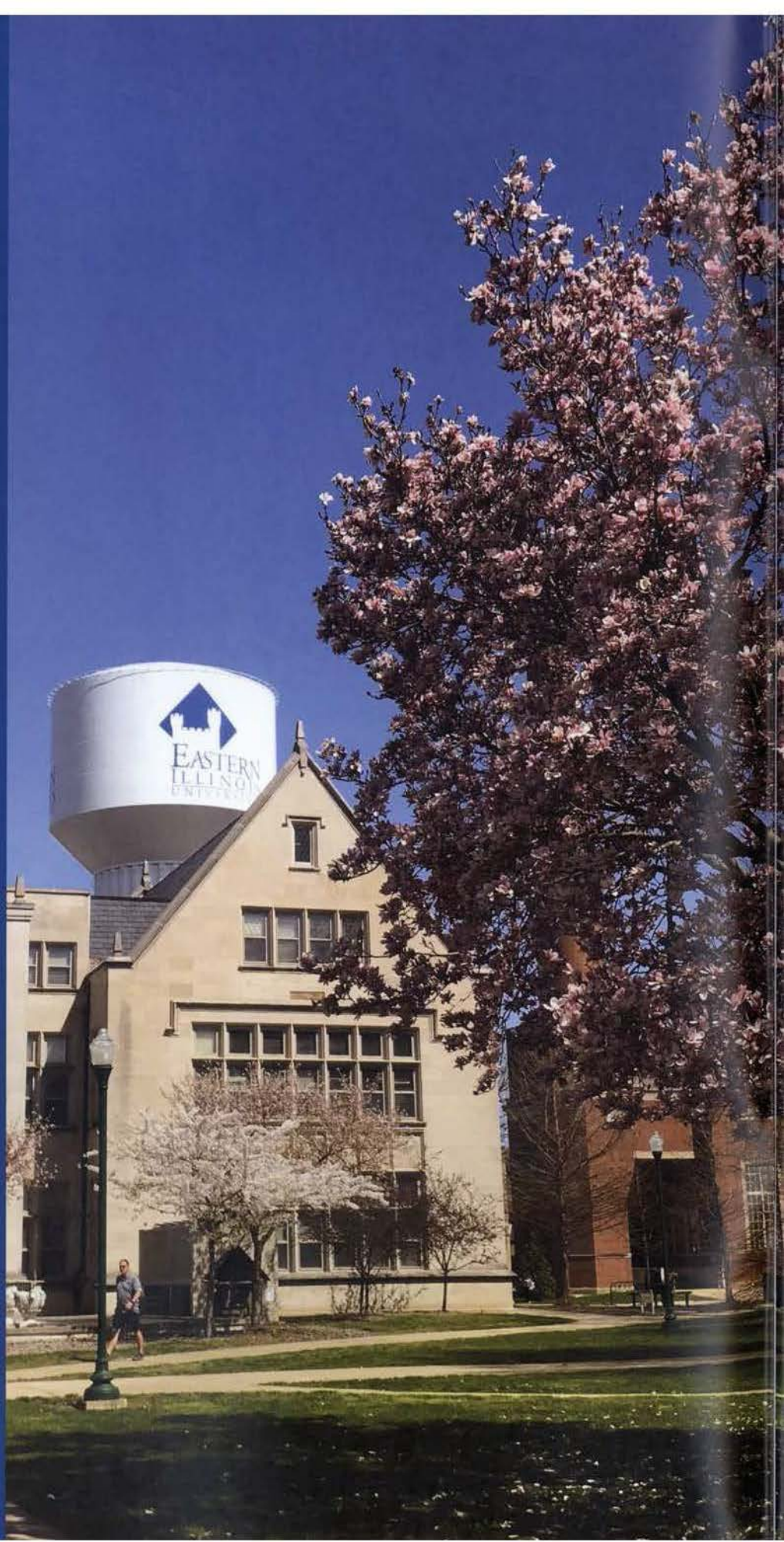
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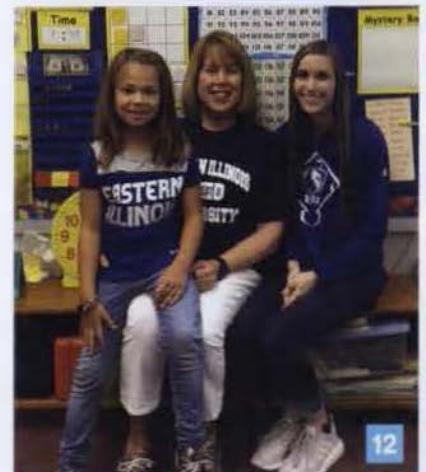
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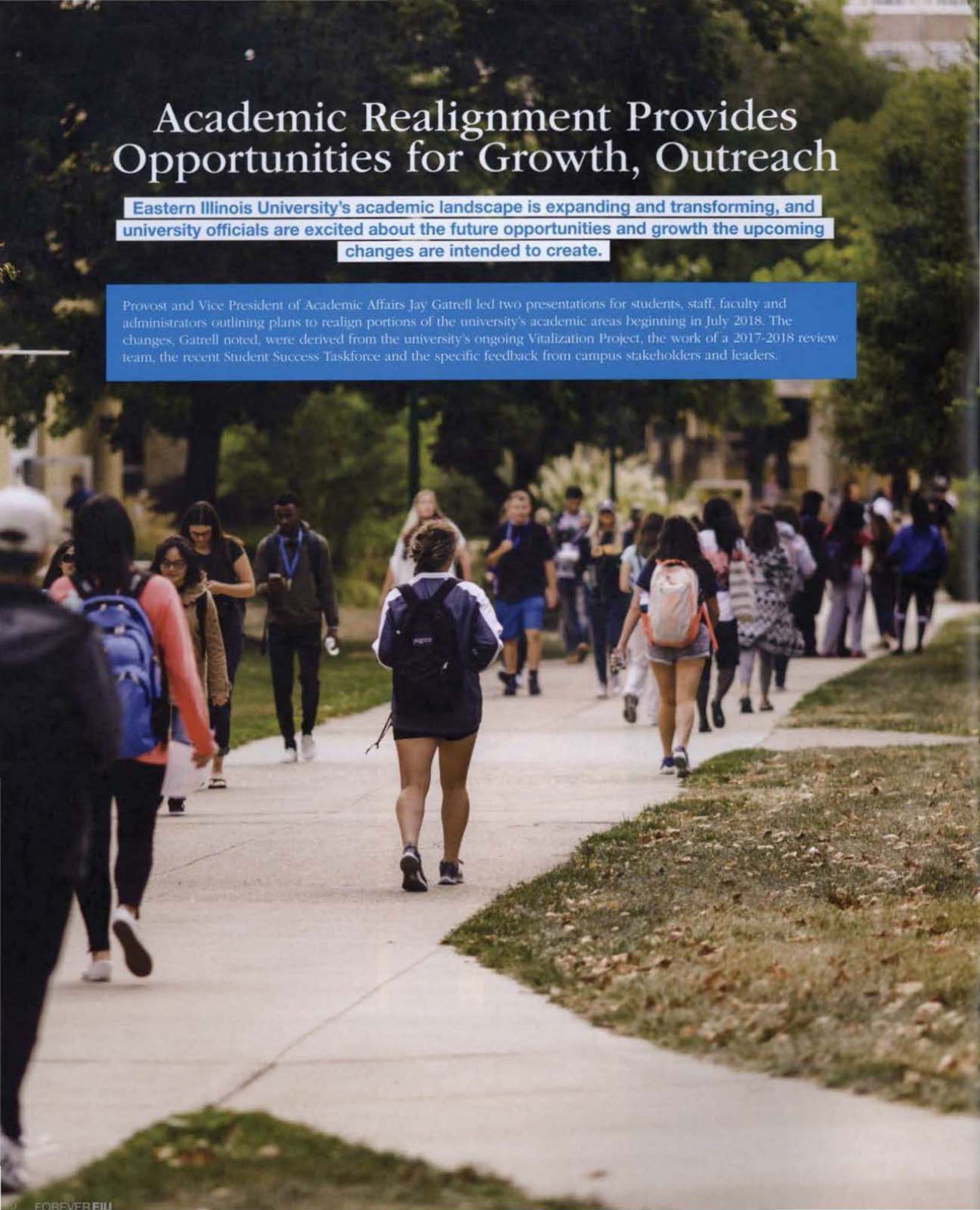
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Academic Realignment Provides Opportunities for Growth, Outreach

Eastern Illinois University's academic landscape is expanding and transforming, and university officials are excited about the future opportunities and growth the upcoming changes are intended to create.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jay Gatrell led two presentations for students, staff, faculty and administrators outlining plans to realign portions of the university's academic areas beginning in July 2018. The changes, Gatrell noted, were derived from the university's ongoing Vitalization Project, the work of a 2017-2018 review team, the recent Student Success Taskforce and the specific feedback from campus stakeholders and leaders.



"These efforts are the result of nearly two years' worth of substantial faculty, staff, and student input and feedback about how best to serve evolving student and projected regional needs. **As such, the strategic realignment will help EIU to better meet and exceed those collective needs and advance our overarching institutional objectives.**"

Jay Gatrell
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs



Gatrell explained the realignment is intended to sharpen the mission of each of EIU's colleges, outline strategic approaches to student success, better promote the university's existing high-quality programs, encourage additional innovation in the classroom, expand professional development and create a robust foundation for ongoing new program development.

At the highest level, EIU's realignment outcomes will include:

- **The creation of a new College of Health and Human Services**, which will be home to communication disorders and sciences; human services and community leadership; health promotion; kinesiology and sports studies/recreation administration; and military science. It also will include the dietetics and RN to bachelor of science in nursing programs.

- **The renaming the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences to the Lumpkin College of Business and Technology**, which will include the School of Business, the School of Technology and the hospitality department.

- **The combining and renaming the College of Arts and Humanities and the College of Sciences to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**, which will be composed of a new School of Communication and Journalism and a new School of the Arts (music; art and design; and theatre), along with the biology; chemistry; economics; geology/geography; English; foreign language; history; mathematics and computer science; philosophy; physics; political science; psychology; and sociology/anthropology/criminology departments.

- **The renaming of the College of Education and Professional Studies to the College of Education**, which will include the School of Extended Learning (bachelor of general studies program, lifelong learning and non-credit programming); the Office of Education and Student Services; and the counseling and student development, educational leadership, special education and teaching, learning and foundations departments.

- **An enhanced focus for Pine Honors College and the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs** to work more closely with faculty to deepen EIU's commitment to high-impact practices primarily in research, but also in the areas of study abroad, internships and community engagement.

"These efforts are the result of nearly two years' worth of substantial faculty, staff, and student input and feedback about how best to serve evolving student and projected regional needs," Gatrell said. "As such, the strategic realignment will help EIU to better meet and exceed those collective needs and advance our overarching institutional objectives."

The realignment is intended to further refine EIU's existing campus priorities; enrich student support through EIU's signature learning experience; enhance EIU's competitiveness through new and improved programs; reinforce Eastern's position as Illinois' preeminent regional comprehensive institution; and ensure the university's ongoing viability through increased enrollments and revenue. Gatrell emphasized that by using existing resources the realignment seeks to be budget neutral and that all staff positions or classifications will remain in place with only nominal revisions to position titles that will better reflect their roles in meeting institutional priorities.

Other directives include national clean searches during the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years for the four new colleges, as well as updates to the university's academic technology support services area. That includes creating a faculty development and innovation center and repositioning EIU's web services team to the enrollment management area to enhance the university's digital marketing and outreach efforts.

Over the past two years, EIU—guided by Vitalization Project outcomes—has already created and enhanced a wide variety of programs, services and outreach to create planned, incremental enrollment growth at the undergraduate and graduate level alike. In recent years, EIU has launched a variety of new graduate and undergraduate programs—as well as expanded online program delivery. Over the next two years, university leaders anticipate EIU's program offerings will continue to grow and improve as a proactive response to changing student and community needs.

Grünhagen a recipient of Arthur Karp Research Award



Marko Grünhagen, professor of marketing, Lumpkin Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and director of the university's Sustainable Entrepreneurship Through Education and Development Center, was recently named a recipient of the Arthur Karp Research Award by the International Franchise Association's Education & Research Foundation. The award is given for the best research paper on a subject of relevance and practical usefulness to the franchising community.

The award-winning research paper, titled "Multi-Brand, Multi-System and Multi-Role Franchising: A Diversification Framework," was co-authored by Grünhagen, along with Manuel Gonzalez-Diaz, representing the University of Oviedo in Spain.

Newell selected as new Booth Library dean



Zach Newell has been selected as the new library dean for Booth Library. Newell comes to EIU from Salem State University in Massachusetts, where he served in various library roles over the past 10 years. Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Jay Gatrell is excited about Newell's future contributions to EIU's campus and to the larger east central Illinois region.

"He brings a deep commitment to student success and understands the critical role Booth Library plays in advancing research, creativity, and academic scholarship both on and off campus," Gatrell said.

Housing and Dining Services now offers unlimited meal plan options

Housing and Dining Services is debuting a new unlimited meal plan option available for the 2018-2019 academic year. According to director Mark Hudson '81, the plan was proactively developed based on feedback from students.

"Students asked for more options on

campus, and we delivered. We're very excited for this meal plan to debut next fall and continue to serve the evolving needs of our students," Hudson said.

The unlimited plan will provide students broader opportunities for visiting campus dining centers, more Dining Dollars to

spend at places like the Food Court, and additional bonus swipes for guests. Like all current meal plan options, the new plan will allow users to swipe into a dining center every two hours.

EIU earns Tree Campus USA status



The university has once again been awarded the prestigious status of Tree Campus USA. In total, EIU's alliance with the city of Charleston and the Charleston Rotary have helped to raise money for the purchase, planting and cultivation of more than 60 trees and shrubs on EIU's campus and at nearby Lake Charleston.

Tree Campus USA and Tree City USA are subsidiary components of the Arbor Day Foundation. Tree Campus USA recognizes college and university campuses engaged in effective management of their campus trees as well as development of connectivity with the community beyond traditional campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.

EIU earns 'Best Online College' distinction from national organization



Eastern Illinois University was recently ranked as a "Best Online College in Illinois" by Affordable Colleges Online, a national organization that uses data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System and the National Center for Education Statistics.

Universities on the list were selected for "going above and beyond the industry standard to help make online education programs an excellent option," according to Dan Schuessler, the organization's CEO and founder.

EIU offers a diverse assortment of online undergraduate and graduate degree programs for students, continuing EIU's tradition of excellence and student-focused educational programming while offering increased accessibility to college-aged and adult learners. For a full list of available programs, visit www.eiu.edu/online.

Chadd earns Teacher of the Year award



Julie Chadd (middle) with Amanda German and Jean Gomell, the two EIU business education students who nominated her for the 2017-18 EIBEA Teacher of the Year Award.

Julie Chadd, a professor in EIU's School of Technology, was selected as the Eastern Illinois Business Education Association's (EIBEA) Teacher of the Year earlier this year. The EIBEA is made up of business teachers from Illinois' eastern region and is an affiliate of the Illinois Business Education Association, whose purpose is to promote business education and share instructional resources and teaching techniques with other business educators.

Class of 2018 Distinguished Seniors

The most distinguished seniors at EIU are individuals who have enriched the university community with their active involvement in all facets of campus life. The Distinguished Senior Awards recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding character and leadership through academic achievement, campus and community involvement, and/or extra-curricular honors or awards. This year's 25 recipients were honored during an April 28 reception. The EIU Alumni Association selects the recipients, with the awards being funded through membership dues.

In alphabetical order, this year's recipients include Ryan Alderman, a kinesiology and sports studies major from Greenville; Emmanuel Ayiku, a public relations major from Dolton; Maria Baldwin, a public relations major from Toluca; Megan Cooper, a biological sciences major from Dixon; Rebecca Duke, a foreign languages major from Geneva; Brianna Eggebrecht, a special education major from Mount Prospect; Josey Fioretto, a family and consumer sciences major from Poplar Grove; Madeleine Gillman, an English major from Streator; Charles Holt, a biological sciences major from Paris; Allison Koch, a kinesiology and sports studies major from Okawville; Jordan McLaren, a health studies major from Granite City; Jennifer Reid, an elementary education major from Mattoon; Valerie Rosen, an economics major from Mahomet; Emily Schmidt, a special education major from Pinckneyville; Cassandra Shaffer, a biological sciences major from Mattoon; Jaclyn Shan, an accounting major from Olney; Anna Vaughn, an art history major from Danville; Lacey Viano, a dietetics major from Channahon; Angelica Villanueva, an art teacher education major from Lake Bluff; Meghan Vinson, a special education major from Penfield; Allison Vogt, a middle level education major from Teutopolis; Cassidy Webb, a sociology major from Charleston; Mariah Weghorst, an elementary education major from Pekin; Joseph Winkler, a sociology major from Charleston; Eric Woolley, a management major from Camargo.

Peoples named director of Civil Rights and Diversity



Shawn Peoples '90, '92 has been appointed as EIU's director of civil rights and diversity. In that role, she also will serve as the university's Title IX coordinator. Peoples brings experience and knowledge to the position, having served as the interim director of the Civil Rights

and Diversity Office since spring 2016. Peoples initially joined EIU in 2005, previously holding the positions of coordinator of the Minority Teacher Identification and Enrichment Program (2005-07), assistant director of student standards (2007-12), and associate director of Student Standards (2012-16).

TOP TEN REASONS STUDENTS COME TO EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



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1. THEY'LL GET A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION

U.S. News and World Report ranks Eastern Illinois University as the #1 public regional university in Illinois and #7 in the Midwest.



6. THEY'LL BE A CUT ABOVE

94% of EIU undergraduates who earned a degree in 2017 had secured employment in professional positions, enlisted in military and volunteer service, or made plans to attend graduate school by the end of the year.

7. THEY'LL FIT IN

We have a thriving Greek life community and over 200 student clubs and organizations, so they'll be sure to make connections and friends.



8. THEY'LL HAVE PANTHER PRIDE

EIU participates in Division I athletics, so they'll be challenged if they're on the team and entertained if they're in the bleachers.



9. THEY'LL WANT TO STAY

EIU has the highest freshman retention rate and highest graduation rate among all Illinois public universities in its class.

10. THEY'LL BE SAFE

Charleston was ranked as the 2nd safest college town in America by Safewise, using FBI crime statistics.



2. THEY'LL SAVE \$900 ANNUALLY BY RENTING TEXTBOOKS

They'll save \$900 a year renting rather than buying textbooks, and they won't have to deal with the hassle of hunting for and then reselling textbooks every semester.

3. THEY'LL LEARN FROM OUR BEST

At EIU 98% of our classes are taught by faculty, not teaching assistants like at bigger universities. Our faculty have years of experience teaching and are experts in their fields.

4. THEY CAN AFFORD IT

Washington Monthly named EIU in the top 10 (of more than 300) in their "Best Bang for the Buck" report for the Midwest, and Business Insiders ranked Charleston as the 2nd most affordable college town in America.

5. THEIR TEACHERS WILL KNOW THEM

With a student-to-faculty ratio of only 14 to 1, teachers will know them by name and will have time outside class to help them meet their academic and post-graduation goals.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rebecca Cash, Student Government President

Eastern Illinois University students have numerous ways to get involved on campus. There are Greek Life, intramurals, recognized student organizations and student government, just to name a few.

Senior public relations major Rebecca Cash has found time to get involved with a little bit of everything in her three years at EIU, and she is encouraging more students to find an organization or group to connect with.

"Being involved has made me more confident and I think other students can grow like I have grown," Cash said. "Students can meet new people and partake in new experiences, and both of those can help post-college. When a student stays in a bubble and does not branch out, he or she is missing out on so many things."

Cash has held leadership roles for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority; served as University Board concert coordinator; served as membership chair for PRSSA; and she was most recently elected Student Government president for 2018-19.

In her new role, she hopes to give back to the university that has already given her so much.

"I think I can make a difference in this school," Cash said. "I want to share my passion for Eastern Illinois with everybody and get people to love this school as much as I do."

A native of Coal City, Cash said she grew up playing sports and has a special interest in working with the athletic department to get more students to attend events.

"I think that the atmosphere at sporting events is fun and energetic and people can show off their Panther pride," she said. "I am looking into spirit



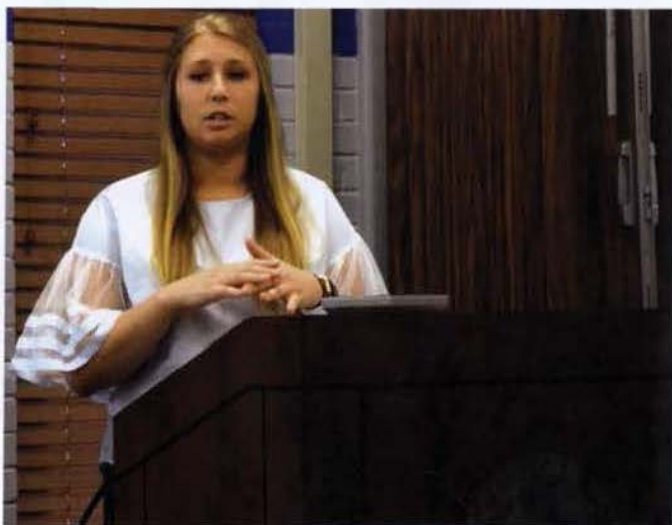
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Student Government President Rebecca Cash

nights and incentives to get people to come out. We have some incredibly talented athletes out there and I think our athletes and students can really get a great experience at the games."

As she enters her final year at EIU this fall, Cash is hoping she can continue to make the most of her time on campus.

"Choosing EIU is the greatest decision I have ever made," Cash said. "Eastern Illinois is my home. This school has given me so many opportunities to grow and excel in things that I had never even thought of doing or being involved in. I am making connections with my professors and other faculty and staff that are always willing to help me whenever I need it."



Carrie Lane

As a coach and climber,
Carrie Lane embraces the
trials of sport

Carrie Lane '99 loves a good challenge.

The sports management graduate and former Panther track and cross country graduate assistant coach has climbed steep mountains, run long-distance races and coached and trained world-class athletes.

Lane is currently the assistant coach for throws (shot put, discus, hammer and javelin) for the University of Wyoming men's and women's track teams. In her time coaching college athletes, she has had 23 NCAA first team All-Americans and won assistant coach of the year honors in 2004 (national), 2009 (regional) and 2014 (regional).

Lane is an avid climber, having climbed in several different countries. "I like how climbing brings me to remote, beautiful places," she said.



Carrie Lane '99 spent seven years coaching the throwers at the University of Virginia. Lane also has spent time at the University of Nebraska and Coasta Carolina University.

Getting athletes to conquer their challenges, she said, can be as simple as making them believe in themselves. They have the ability, but some athletes need that extra push.

"It's different with every athlete, but for the most part you have to instill a sense of confidence in them," Lane said. "They have to know that someone is out there and knows they can do it. They doubt and they question whether they are the best ones. It is the coach's job to push, correct mistakes."

Most college coaching positions require a master's, so after looking at her options Lane knew EIU was the best choice.

"I chose EIU because it seemed like I could get the most hands-on learning experience from the coaching staff and professors," Lane said. "I was taught by actual professors who seemed passionate and skilled at their various interests. I also liked the location of Charleston. Being a long distance runner at the time, there were countless country roads to run on and several parks with extensive trail systems nearby."

Lane said she learned how to motivate athletes from retired EIU coach John McInerney '79. She said he was the best at getting his runners to tap into their competitive spirit to get their best results.

"For me, that time spent with him was invaluable," Lane said. "His approach to building a team environment was unique. He really emphasized running as a team and that the individual improves his or her performance when they focus on contributing to the bigger team goal. He is a very caring person, and the kids really gravitated to him."

Though Lane was primarily a runner, she started spending time at jumping and throwing practices to gain a broader knowledge.

"EIU was the first track and field program I was exposed to where the head coaches — coach Tom Akers '81 and coach John Craft '69, '74 — were not distance event coaches. This sort of program set-up helped me realize that since I was planning a career as a track and field coach, I should at least have a working knowledge of all of the events, not just the ones that I coach directly. At the time, I didn't think that going to Coach Craft's jumps practice every now and then was a big deal. But it totally opened my mind to learning something new within the sport."

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Lane became interested in rock climbing when she was an undergraduate student and has now climbed in several different countries.



Lane watches a Wyoming thrower from behind some safety netting during the 2018 Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Going from running long distances to coaching athletes in throwing events was no easy task. Running takes endurance and patience, while throwing events involve technique and strength.

"You have to pace yourself in the distance race," Lane said. "In throwing you just have to go all out. It's a very different mental approach. For about seven years I took up throwing. I wanted to learn those events and what those kids are going through mentally."

Lane hasn't just made an impact at the collegiate level. She was a U.S. National team coach from 2006-11 and was the personal coach for Olympic gold medalist shot putter Adam Nelson. Her role with the national team and as Nelson's personal coach took her to Germany, Japan, Korea and the 2008 Olympics in China.

"The Olympics were very intense, very high stakes," Lane said. "It's a big party, kind of like a Super Bowl for the world."

Lane also enjoys the mental and physical challenge of rock climbing, a hobby that began when she was an undergraduate student. She has now climbed in several different countries, and part of her reason for choosing Wyoming for coaching was the close proximity to the Grand Tetons, Rockies and Black Hills.

"I like how climbing brings me to remote, beautiful places," Lane said. "I live 30 minutes from a really good climbing area out here. When the weather is right we can get out on the weekends and after practice."

Approaching a new climb is like any other life approach, she said. There are small steps to achieving larger challenges.

"Each hold presents a small physical and mental challenge to conquer," Lane said. "As I progress through a few moves, I can see the top of the climb has moved a little closer. This is the essence of achieving goals, and I bring

these lessons into my coaching. Focus on the small moves that are right in front of you, but keep an eye on the top of the climb. The culmination of small tasks will gradually bring you to the summit."

Lane said climbing is becoming a more popular outdoor sport because there is less of a financial investment compared to mountain biking or skiing. And while for many people rock climbing might be a terrifying experience, Lane said there are numerous procedures to ensure a safe experience.

"There are certain safety checks that climbers do every time they start a route," she said. "They check that each other's harnesses are being worn correctly and knots are properly tied. And they must learn ahead of time how to place gear properly so that it catches a fall without fail. It's very much a mental game, involving instinct, constant self-talk, confidence building and sometimes just being completely scared."

Even though it has been many years since she has lived in Charleston, Lane still gets reminders of her time at EIU. She said she routinely runs into former EIU classmates and friends at track meets and clinics across the country. She recently saw Riley McInemey '18 (John McInemey's son) break EIU's steeplechase record while at the 2018 NCAA Division I West Regional Championships in May.

"The last time I saw Riley he was about four years old and wreaking havoc at practice," Lane said. "Right before that race, I caught up with Coach Mac and with Dave Astrauskas '01, who was a thrower at EIU and now a successful coach at Wisconsin. I also still remain in touch with classmates and athletes who didn't go into coaching. We just have a very strong bond. And I still talk several times a year with Dr. Tom Woodall, one of my thesis committee members."



2018 Tribute Reception: A Celebration of Giving



The EIU Foundation celebrated alumni generosity during its annual Tribute reception in April at the Doudna Fine Arts Center, including the announcement

of its 2018 Burnham and Nancy Neal Outstanding Philanthropist Award recipients — Harry '60 and Gladys Frost and Paul Snyder '70.

"There is a lot of talk lately about 'All In,'" EIU President David Glassman said to those in attendance. "That is, we are all in for our students and all in for our university. That includes not just the faculty and staff and the students, but it's our alumni, it's our friends, it's our donors. As you all know, success at Eastern Illinois is a deep-seated commitment that we believe in, and that commitment is shared by every one of us."

Harry Frost, who is retired from Illinois Cereal Mills/Cargill Corporation after 36 years, was a 2013 recipient of the EIU Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award. Gladys Frost worked in the Illinois

judicial system for 30 years and currently serves as the manager for the Edgar County Compassionate Food Pantry. In 2015, the Frosts endowed the Harry Frost Chemistry Fund, which was established to help full-time juniors, seniors or graduate students who are pursuing a career as a chemist.

"I think so much of this university for what it has done for me in the near 60 years since I graduated," Harry Frost said.

Snyder, who was unable to attend the event, started his career as an intern with KPMG and went on to become a Midwest-area managing partner for the company. Snyder has been active in numerous university initiatives and also was recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Foundation Member. He and his wife Kathy have endowed the Paul and Katherine Snyder Scholarship and the Paul and Katherine Snyder Faculty Development Fund.

The program also featured student scholarship speaker Alexis Alvarado '18, who graduated in May with a degree in studio art. Alvarado, a first-generation college student who comes from a single parent home, expressed her gratitude for the financial assistance she received while at EIU.

"It means the world to me," she said. "One of the biggest struggles for artists is having the confidence within their work to keep on doing what they love. This money not only helps me pay my tuition, but it instills confidence in me that I don't think I would have. I don't think I would be who I am today if it wasn't for this university."

Top left: Timothy McCollum '73, '77, president of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation, presents the Burnham and Nancy Neal Outstanding Philanthropist Award to Harry '60 and Gladys Frost, Paul Snyder '70 also was a recipient but was not able to attend the reception.

Top right: Alexis Alvarado '18 was the featured student speaker at the event.

Lower left: Former EIU presidents Lou Hencken and Bill Perry join current president David Glassman (center) for a photo.



Panthers preparing Panthers

Student teachers share classrooms with EIU alumni

During the school year, teachers spend hundreds of hours with their students in the classroom. In addition to teaching lessons on math, history and science, teachers often serve as a role model, coach or counselor. It's only natural that strong bonds are built, some that can even last a lifetime.

That bond is no different between a student teacher and cooperating teacher, especially when the duo shares an EIU connection.

"EIU has a proud tradition of preparing high quality teachers and administrators for schools throughout Illinois and the nation," said Doug Bower, dean of the college of education and professional studies. "In almost every school you enter in Illinois you will encounter an EIU prepared teacher and/or administrator. The student teaching experience is a bond of mutual trust and respect between the cooperating teacher and the student teacher. When the cooperating teacher is an EIU alum this bond of trust and respect has a strong foundation cemented in a shared EIU experience."

We took a look at three pairings of student teachers with EIU alumni from the spring semester and the valuable bonds that they formed.

Nathan Williams '09, '15 and Alli Vogt '18

For seventh-grade teacher Nathan "Eddie" Williams, he enjoyed his time at Martoon Middle School so much as a student teacher he decided to take a job there after graduating in 2009. Now teaching in the same room in which he student taught, Williams passed along his knowledge to EIU student Alli Vogt during her eight-week student teaching assignment.

"The guidance I try to provide student teachers, those things that some of the professors did for me, are the real-world experiences," Williams said. "I try to stress the importance to future teachers that not all students are the same as what a textbook may say, and that differentiating your instruction is very important."

The two quickly bonded over common professors such as Linda Sherwood '71 and their overall experiences at EIU.

"The way the professors help you, with not only the content knowledge, but also the real-world knowledge that you can't learn in the textbooks, was so beneficial," Williams said. "All the professors I had were great, however one particular professor, Linda Sherwood, really was able to give students real world concept learning, as well as come up with some of the greatest lessons."

Vogt said Williams not only helped her in the classroom, but guided her as she searched for jobs and approached taking the edTPA assessment, which critiques whether or not a student is qualified to get a teaching license.

"Mr. Williams evolved from an acquaintance to a valued mentor and friend," Vogt said. "He made this positive impact on me by teaching me valuable lessons about both education and life. I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from such a passionate mentor, and I look forward to staying in touch and continuing to learn from him in the future."

Vogt, who was one of 25 students to receive an Alumni Association Distinguished Senior award in April, said she chose teaching because she wanted to make a difference in children's lives.

"Teaching is a service profession, and I am incredibly passionate about the opportunity that I will have each day to positively impact the lives of my students," Vogt said. "I also love building relationships, and relationships are at the heart of the teaching profession."

In the fall, Vogt will be returning to her hometown to teach fourth grade at Teutopolis Grade School.

"Having the opportunity to return to the community that provided me with such an excellent K-12 education is a dream come true, and I can't wait to begin that journey," she said.

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Doug Bower, Dean of the College of Education



Nathan Williams '09, '15 and Alli Vogt '18 are shown in the Mattoon Middle School library. Vogt was the student teacher in Williams' classroom during the spring semester.



Eudora Drollinger '82 and Kyndal Mendenhall '18 sit with student Tenley Campbell in Drollinger's first-grade classroom at Sullivan Elementary School. Campbell is the daughter of Drew Campbell '04, '07, a fourth-grade teacher at the school.

Eudora Drollinger '82 and Kyndal Mendenhall '18

When Kyndal Mendenhall was younger she received devastating news that her mother had been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. With her dad working to provide for her and her three siblings, it was her second-grade teacher who stepped up to make sure Mendenhall got the extra support she needed.

"Mrs. (Nancy) Stewart was my teacher, my friend, and someone that I could count on to make me smile, even on my toughest days," Mendenhall said. "She inspired me to want to become a teacher to make an impact on children's lives like she made on mine."

That inspiration was reinforced this spring as Mendenhall, a Robinson, native, spent time student teaching in Eudora Drollinger's first-grade classroom at Sullivan Elementary School in Sullivan.

"I have had the great opportunity of having Mrs. Drollinger as my cooperating teacher, mentor, and friend," Mendenhall said. "She always believed in me and pushed me to my fullest potential, and she is someone that I know I can always count on."

Drollinger, who comes from a family of teachers, has been teaching for 36 years, spending the past 27 in Sullivan. Her mother, aunt and two siblings were teachers and her grandmother lived in Pemberton Hall when she got her teaching degree from EIU.

Drollinger has had many EIU students assisting her classroom over the years, and she continues to have positive experiences.

"I always enjoy having EIU students in my classroom, whether for practicum or student teaching experiences," Drollinger said. "They have proven to be enthusiastic, well-trained, and have a good support system from EIU faculty and student teaching coordinators."

Drollinger said she allows her student teachers to assist with parent-teacher conferences and exposes them to collaborations with other staff and faculty, as well.

"I try to impart to them the value of professionalism and the importance of getting to know and appreciate your students as individuals and the importance of family communication," Drollinger said. "We spend a lot of time collaborating and planning with our grade level team because it is important to be able to work well together with your administration, teaching peers and school staff."

With her student teaching now complete, Mendenhall is aiming to find a job teaching kindergarten or first grade. She has received multiple teaching offers, but as of this publication has not accepted a position yet.

"My goal is to make an impact on as many students' lives as possible," she said. "I will run a classroom where all students feel safe, loved, and have the opportunity to be successful individuals."

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Eudora Drollinger

Kaj Holm '13, '16 and Brock Kukman '18

Kaj Holm had a few different majors during his time in college. He tried computer science. He gave aviation a try.

"It was not until I visited my first classroom that I knew teaching is what I was meant to do," Holm said. "It was my way to make the biggest impact in this world."

Holm just finished his fifth year teaching fifth grade math, science and social studies at Jefferson Elementary in Charleston, and was happy to share his classroom with a fellow Panther.

"I owe EIU a great deal of thanks for putting me into the position I am in today," Holm said. "So I felt honored to be able to give back to my alma mater by being able to host a student teacher. In the beginning, for me, it was mentally difficult because I do not give control up very easily. However, I quickly got to know Brock and knew what an asset he would be in my classroom."

Kukman, a native of Morris, said he got his interest in working with children because both of his parents are teachers. With Holm being a recent graduate, Kukman said they shared similar experiences and professors.

"We had some of the same professors and were able to talk about similarities and differences in our education at EIU," Kukman said. "He was very fun and easy to work with and he did a great job of making me feel welcomed and supported in what I was doing."

Holm said some of the biggest advice he has for student teachers is to find their own approaches in the classroom rather than trying to mimic what he does.

"I also reassure them that it is OK for them to make mistakes," Holm said. "These students are not licensed professionals and are still getting their feet wet in education. These experiences are here for them to try out the various strategies they have learned and see what works."

After graduating, Kukman accepted a staff position with Campus Outreach, a faith-based organization that he participated in while at EIU that teaches and mentors students, which will allow him to use his teaching degree outside the classroom.

"I really do want to teach, but I also have a desire to go into ministry," Kukman said. "I really value education and impacting the lives of young people."

Brock Kukman '18 poses with students from Kaj Holm's '13, '16 fifth-grade class from Jefferson Elementary School. The class was on a field trip to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.



Justice is served

New criminology major already growing in popularity

After more than a decade of offering criminology as an interdisciplinary minor, EIU's criminology and criminal justice program was instituted as a major this past fall, giving students what they have been seeking for years. Darren Hendrickson, chair of the sociology, anthropology and criminology department, said the demand for a criminology major has been consistent from both current and prospective students, and he is happy to deliver some new well-planned coursework.

"You don't want to be turning students away, and at the same time you want to build a quality program that is going to give them what they need to be successful," Hendrickson said. "The feedback so far has been very positive."

And that popularity appears to be growing. As of the beginning of May, EIU has 541 freshman applications for criminology/criminal justice and 49 applications from transfers, already making it one of the university's most popular majors.

"The interest level has certainly been far greater than we expected," said Josh Norman '08, associate vice president for enrollment management. "It is the third most popular major selection at the point of application for freshmen and transfers."

The curriculum for the major was pulled from a variety of areas to create a well-balanced learning experience, Hendrickson said.

"It draws on coursework not only with criminology, but also sociology, political science and philosophy," Hendrickson said. "It really gives the students a well-rounded curriculum that addresses the issues of criminology. It helps differentiate it from other programs around the state."

Hendrickson said professors Reed Benedict, Bill Lovekamp and Jennifer Stevens played key roles in helping build the curriculum, while instructor Roger Cunningham '85, a retired Charleston police officer, brings 25 years of experience in law enforcement to the faculty. The department also is hiring another faculty member to start this fall.

Stevens, who holds a doctorate in sociology with a concentration in law and society, joined the department in 2015. Having also spent a few years working in Indiana state government, Stevens said she has always been fascinated with criminal justice and law.

"I grew up on a steady diet of watching law-related TV shows," she said. "I think this was partially due to the fact that I was always interested in how the law worked and we also didn't have cable until I was 14!"

Stevens said there are many career options for students in the program beyond police work.

"We wanted to create a major that prepared students for a variety of career fields and promotes an interdisciplinary focus. Many students do have aspirations in the criminal justice system that are outside of law enforcement such as probation and parole officers. **Some students aspire to work with at-risk youth, some want to be case workers or social workers and some want to get involved in the legal profession.**"

Jennifer Stevens, Professor



Sgt. Heath Thornton '12 of the Charleston Police Department gave a presentation with his police K-9 Chai to EIU's Criminal Justice Club in November 2017.

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"This is a really exciting time to be a part of the major at Eastern," Stevens said. "We wanted to create a major that prepared students for a variety of career fields and promotes an interdisciplinary focus. Many students do have aspirations in the criminal justice system that are outside of law enforcement such as probation and parole officers. Some students aspire to work with at-risk youth, some want to be case workers or social workers and some want to get involved in the legal profession."

Ashley Napier, a senior from Washington, Ill., was pursuing a degree in psychology before the criminology major was added.

"I was taking classes to complete the criminology program as a minor, but when it changed to a major I was already fascinated with the content which was when I decided to make it my major," she said.

Napier, who is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta national honors society for sociology, said the curriculum so far has been very engaging.

"I have learned a great deal from the lessons that were outlined for this major such as the analysis of the criminal justice system, introduction to policing and introduction to criminology," she said.

Stevens said they will continue to adapt as the popularity of the program increases.

"Students can look forward to our major and course offerings continuing to grow," she said. "We are excited to create new courses and provide new applied learning opportunities for students."

Goals of the criminology and criminal justice program

- Provide students with an understanding of the theoretical explanations of crime and criminal behavior.
- Analyze the major institutions and processes of the criminal justice system.
- Teach students the analytical skills necessary to understand and interpret statistical data, research questions related to crime and the criminal justice system, and test criminological theories.
- Assist students in the development of effective critical thinking and communication skills.
- For more information, go to: www.eiu.edu/eiucrim/



Students and faculty with EIU's Criminal Justice Club took a tour in 2017 of the Terre Haute, Ind., prison.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

A Quest for Culture

Fulbright scholar Alison Stangel '17 pursues global connections

Connaissance. Wissen. Conocimiento. Knowledge.
No matter what language Alison Stangel '17 says it in, she is always seeking it.

The quest to learn and be exposed to different cultures is what earned the recent foreign languages graduate a rare opportunity to take part in the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, so rare that she is just the second-ever EIU student to be selected for the prestigious grant for recent graduates and graduate students.

Stangel, a Morton Grove native, has been in Argentina since March for what will be a nine-month assignment teaching English as a second language.

"My goal is to help students build their confidence in speaking English," she said. "Confidence is the hardest part of speaking a foreign language—not grammar, not vocabulary, not the accent, but confidence. I want to make sure my students know that what they say will be understood, even if it's not 100 percent correct."

Stangel developed a strong interest in other languages during her third year of Spanish in high school.

"I have you ever witnessed or been a part of the situation where one person asks another, 'Do you speak Spanish?' and the other responds, 'Un poco...' with little confidence? Well, imagining myself as person number two somewhere down the road is my worst nightmare."

Though her concentration at EIU was in Spanish, she minored in French and studied German for two semesters.

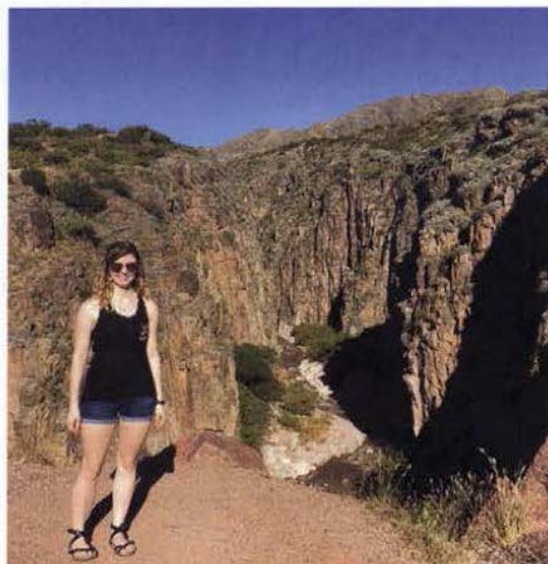
"Although I still make mistakes and am always learning from them, I consider myself fluent in Spanish and French," Stangel said. "Now German, this is a seriously complex, but at the same time simply logical language. I am nowhere near fluent, but I have basic tools to continue building upon what I know."

Stangel's biggest influence in pursuing the Fulbright program was her 2015 study abroad program that took her to Spain and France.

"Being able to learn about different cultures first-hand made me realize how much I wanted to continue traveling and learning as much as possible," she said. "I want to get to know as much of the world as possible, and I think the key to that is meeting people and being able to communicate with them to learn about culture from the inside."

Stangel, who also earned a degree in music during her 4 ½ years at EIU, spends some of her time observing music classes and playing her flute.

"I want to get as involved as possible in the music community here," she said. "I've already met a couple of the music teachers at the fine



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arts school, and my next step is to talk to the director about starting some sort of club. If it's possible for me to join an ensemble of some sort that would be the ultimate goal."

Stangel is making the most of her three-day weekends to travel to as many places as possible.

"I plan to visit a different province or country once a month," Stangel said. "Since I have a three-day weekend every week, it should be pretty doable. The Fulbrighters are in almost every province, so it'll be easy to make plans to visit since there will be somebody there who knows the town."

While in Argentina, Stangel will be applying for graduate school for fall 2019 with hopes of one day teaching at the university level. She plans to fill her time next spring substitute teaching and working at various Chicago theatres.

And she might even learn another language while she's at it.

"I am lucky that I tend to just absorb foreign languages, so I plan to learn as many as I can in the future," Stangel said. "I want to tackle the other Latin-based languages first, except Latin, and then move on to Arabic and possibly Korean or Japanese."

ABOUT THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students.
- A network of nearly 1,600 volunteer Fulbright Program Advisers on campuses nationwide assist in the recruitment.
- More than 3,600 candidates are recommended by 157 subsections of the National Screening Committee, composed of 457 senior faculty or field-of-study professionals.
- Learn more at us.fulbrightonline.org

Alison Stangel (far right) is shown in her classroom in Argentina, where she teaches English as a second language. Stangel is fluent in Spanish and French and also has been learning German.



COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

Alumni putting the heart into Heartland Dental

Whether it's sales, marketing or operations, Eastern Illinois University alumni are putting the "heart" into Heartland Dental. With corporate headquarters in Effingham, just 35 minutes from campus, the dentistry service company has become home for many Panther alumni.

"Growing up around this area and starting my career here, I've seen first-hand how passionate, hardworking and educated the people in central Illinois are," said Dr. Rick Workman, founder and executive chairman at Heartland Dental. "So many of those people, including many of Heartland Dental's own — as well as my mother and sister — are EIU graduates and gained their knowledge and leadership skills from EIU's instruction and culture."



One of those alumni is Travis Franklin '98, '01, who has been a part of the success of a company that has grown in his time there from 72 supported dental offices to having more than 860 offices in 35 states. Franklin started with the company as its executive general manager and now holds the title of chief financial officer, where he oversees the payroll, finance, accounts payable and accounting teams.

"It is really our job every day to find out how to make the dentists' lives better and easier so they can focus on the clinical aspects," Franklin said. "When you take the noise out of their day of dealing with suppliers, HR, vendors, accounting and the entire litany of services that we have, it ends up being a better overall practice."

Despite its rapid growth, the idea of dental service organizations is still in its infancy, Franklin said.

"Dr. Workman has really been the pioneer of the industry in how to deliver services and how to really think about this from a doctor's



EIU Vice President of Business Affairs Paul McCann joined some EIU alumni who work at Heartland Dental in Effingham during a recent visit to their headquarters. From left, Travis Franklin '98, '01; Samantha Neal '11, '13; Lauren Harris '16; McCann; Brittany William '15, '16; Jeff Jenkins '13; Ashley Buehnerkemper '05.



Travis Franklin '98, '01



Deann McClain '96

perspective," Franklin said. "We believe dentistry is where pharmacy was back in the mid-60s and we think there is a huge opportunity as more and more people come on to our support and realize how valuable it is."

Joining Franklin on the Heartland leadership team is Deann McClain '96, executive vice president of operations, and Charity Bohnhoff '08, vice president of marketing. Both McClain and Bohnhoff serve on the EIU School of Business Advisory Board, which is made up of alumni and business leaders and serves in an advisory role to the chair of the school.

"I truly valued my time as a student at EIU, and I am honored to be able to serve the university that did so much for me during my time there," McClain said.

McClain, who started as an accountant before the company was officially formed, is responsible for supporting the supplies, client administrator and accounts receivable departments at the home office, as well as all field operations. Bohnhoff joined Heartland Dental in 2008 and works with office marketing and marketing support teams.

Franklin said that is a testament to how well EIU's classes and faculty prepare its students to give them opportunities to go on to careers in the business world.

"The executive vice presidents, directors, there are a lot of EIU graduates in those areas," he said. "Go Panthers!"

Ashley Buehnerkemper '05, who is Heartland Dental's director of corporate communications and brand management, agrees with Franklin's assessment.

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Travis Franklin

"I think the faculty helped prepare me the most for my roles," Buehnerkemper said, and "I value that academia wasn't the first path for many of them. In fact, many of them had run their own businesses and worked for Fortune 500 companies. It was great to learn by hearing their actual experiences when applying the material. EIU's focus on Midwestern values and the real-life experiences they provide students position them well for their future careers."

Buehnerkemper said the evolution of her job and the expansion of the company has led to some great opportunities. Helping build the brand for a growing company is both challenging and rewarding, she said.

"I am entrepreneurial at heart and thoroughly enjoy being able to use those characteristics in this fast-paced, innovative and ever changing environment," she said. "For example, in my 10 years here I have been fortunate enough to work in five newly-created roles. The growth the company is experiencing truly allows employees to have unique development experiences that would be hard to find anywhere else in central Illinois."

As Heartland Dental continues to make its stake in central Illinois, Workman said EIU will continue to play a big part in its success.

"The role EIU plays in helping shape the success of central Illinois is invaluable," Workman said. "I wanted to add to the success of this area with Heartland Dental, so having EIU right in our backyard to also help drive that mission forward has been great. We're excited to support and partner with them to continue that."



Charity Bohnhoff '08



Ashley Buehnerkemper '05

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brothers Andy and Kyle Haines pursue Major League Baseball dreams

Eastern Illinois University has had its fair share of representation in the coaching ranks of the National Football League. There are Super Bowl-winning head coaches Sean Payton '87 and Mike Shanahan '74. There are former Vikings head coach and current Bears consultant Brad Childress '88 and long-time assistant coach Mike Heimerdinger '75, as well as former assistants Kirby Wilson '89, Greg McMahon '83 and John Teerlinck '79. There's even longtime NFL official Ken Baker '72, '73.

But two former EIU baseball players want to bring some of that attention to Major League Baseball. Brothers Andy Haines '00 and Kyle Haines '12 are both playing integral roles with two of the most historic franchises in baseball. Andy is the Chicago Cubs assistant hitting coach while Kyle is the assistant director of player development for the San Francisco Giants.

"I knew coaching was in my blood and that I really wanted to put myself in position to be able to make a living doing it," said Andy, who joined the Cubs organization in 2016 as its minor league hitting instructor. "It's scary as a young coach. I watched all my coaches really closely knowing that I wanted to do this and be the best at it no matter what. I was pretty much obsessed with this from the start, which I now can see is the only way a young coach can make it work."

But it definitely hasn't been easy, Andy said. There have been 11-hour bus rides in the minors, limited days off and the challenge of having to prove himself to players despite never playing professionally.

"It just takes me longer, and I probably don't get mulligans with players," Andy said. "I do know that players pretty much look at you after the initial introduction and are asking themselves if the coach standing in front of them can help them or not. That's what is important to them. I didn't take any shortcuts in my path, which I think is critical if you don't have a pedigree as a professional player. When they ask and know that my family and I have bled to get here, I hope they see that I am obsessed with not letting them down."

While Andy's playing career ended as a Panther, Kyle spent several years playing in the Giants organization after being selected in the 31st round of the 2004 draft. He made it as far as AA, but ended his career after suffering a knee injury.

Being one semester short of graduating, Kyle decided to return to EIU to finish his degree in physical education.

"After I had knee surgery, I knew that in order for me to be able to have any type of post-career success, I had to get my degree," he said.

"So I commuted over an hour one way every day for a semester and just became a student for the first time. It made me take the same pride in being a student that I had in my playing career and really was one of the best things to ever happen to me."

After graduating, Kyle's passion for baseball remained so he took advantage of any job opportunities that came his way. He started his managing career in the independent Frontier League and spent last season as the manager of the Richmond Squirrels, the AA affiliate for the Giants. While there, he was named best manager prospect in Baseball America's survey of Eastern League managers.

"I felt ready for the challenge of helping others with their careers," he said. "I was fortunate to get some good job opportunities early because jobs in baseball are so hard to come by."

Andy has fond memories as a Panther, as well. He said he made life-long relationships and developed the confidence that he could make it as a professional baseball coach.

"Growing up in Louisville, Illinois, in such a small town, you sometimes wonder if you will get opportunities that other kids get," Andy said. "Eastern gave me that opportunity. Being able to compete at the Division I level gave me confidence and a lot of credibility when I told people my background throughout this journey I have been on."

The brothers are both excited this season as they continue in their new roles. Kyle travels to all of the Giants' minor league affiliates, checking up on staff and players throughout the organization.

"I will visit every player and team that we have under contract with the Giants," Kyle said. "All the way from our Dominican Republic training complex to AAA in Sacramento, California."

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Kyle Haines '12



Andy '00 (left) and Kyle Haines '12 have worked their way from the EIU baseball team to the major league coaching ranks. Andy is the assistant hitting coach for the Chicago Cubs, while Kyle is the assistant director of player development for the San Francisco Giants.

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Andy Haines '00



Andy Haines '00 talks to Cubs infielder Javier Baez in the dugout at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Andy, meanwhile, gets to help hone the skills of major league stars like Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo and Kyle Schwarber.

"I'm very fortunate, and I don't take one day for granted with them," Andy said. "I've always wanted to work with the best in the world and I'm able to do that."

Andy is hoping for another opportunity to win a World Series ring with his once-hated rival. The brothers grew up rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals.

"God has a sense of humor, for sure," Andy said of being with the Cubs. "I was as diehard of a Cardinals fan as they come. My parents took us to a few games a year and those Whitey Herzog teams are still vivid in my memory. I did get a ring. I was at the post-game party with (Cubs President) Theo Epstein and Eddie Vedder (Pearl Jam) just thinking to myself, 'I can't believe this is me and how did this happen.' It's hard to put into words really."

Do the brothers ever hope to find themselves in the same dugout one day?

"Now that we are both more established it would be a dream of mine to be in a Major League dugout with him beside me," Andy said. "I respect him as a baseball guy and competitor that much. That competitive fire has given us all of our problems growing up but also has gotten us both to where we are."

But Kyle said there is only one way that happens.

"That would be a great experience for the both of us, but not unless he ever joins the Giants," he said. "I absolutely love the San Francisco Giants and hope to spend every day of the rest of my life as a member of this organization."

By the Numbers

Andy Haines

2000: He was an honorable mention All-OVC catcher, hitting .260 with four doubles.

Kyle Haines

2003: He hit .340 with 10 home runs. He tied the NCAA record with two HRs in the same inning in a game against Eastern Kentucky.

2004: He was first-team All-OVC at shortstop, hitting .327 with nine home runs, 16 doubles, 49 RBI and nine stolen bases.

OTHER PANTHERS IN THE MAJORS



Kevin Seitzer '85 Hitting Coach, Atlanta Braves

After being selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 11th round of the 1983 draft, Seitzer finished his 12-year playing career with a .295 average and earned trips to the MLB All-Star game in 1987 and 1995. He has coached in the majors since 2007, spending time in the Arizona Diamondbacks, Royals, Toronto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves organizations. Seitzer had his number retired by EIU in 2012.



Tim Bogar '87 First Base Coach, Washington Nationals

Bogar played nine seasons in the majors after being selected in the eighth round of the 1988 draft by the New York Mets. After his playing career, he received manager of the year awards at three different minor league levels before he got his first major league coaching job in 2008 as an assistant with the Tampa Bay Rays. He also has spent time with the Boston Red Sox, Texas Rangers and Seattle Mariners. In 2014, he went 14-8 as the Rangers' interim manager.



Derek Johnson '94 Pitching Coach, Milwaukee Brewers

A former pitcher for the Panthers, Johnson didn't play professionally. He made his mark coaching directly out of college, landing his first job as an assistant at Southern Illinois University. He spent 11 years, from 2002 to 2011, as the Vanderbilt University pitching coach where he was named National Pitching Coach of the Year in 2004 and National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2010. He served as the Chicago Cubs minor league pitching coordinator from 2013-2015 and moved to his current role with the Brewers in 2016.



Joe Strohm '86, '87 Vice President Ticket Sales, St. Louis Cardinals

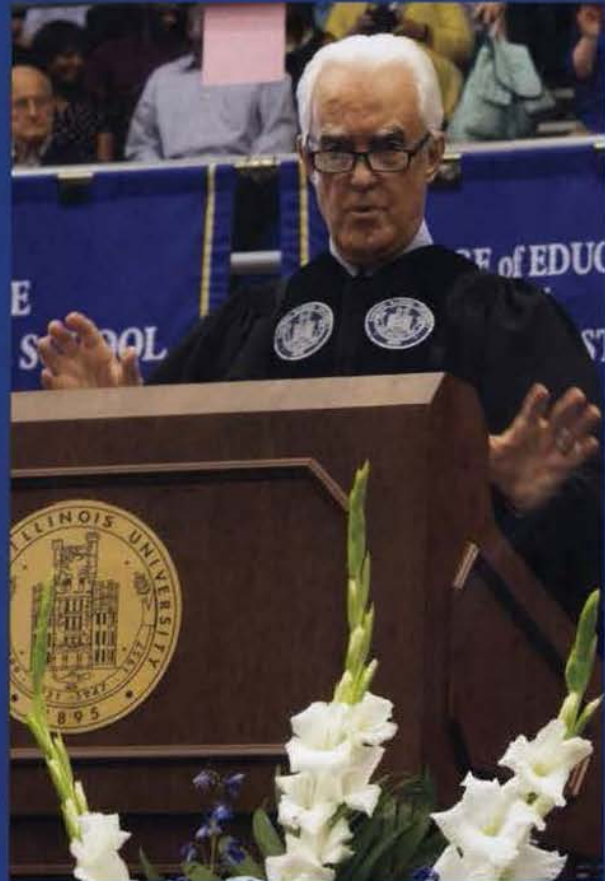
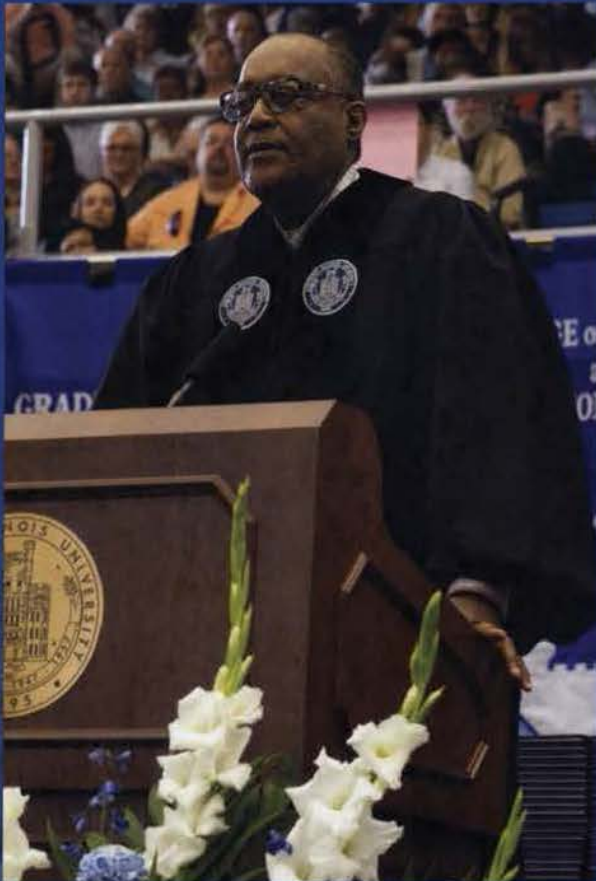
Strohm leads the department responsible for the team's ticket sales and for all events at Busch Stadium. His staff also handles the club's advertising and marketing. Under his leadership, the team has exceeded three million tickets sold for 12 consecutive seasons.

PAW PRINTS

Notable news and fun features from our Panther peers



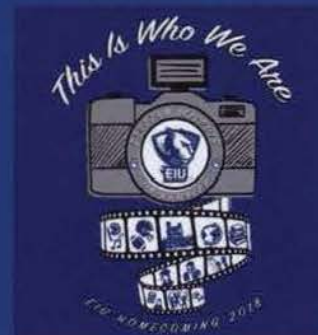
Shannon Brinkmeyer Johnson '97 works on a sand art display with Jessica Mertz inside Doudna Fine Arts Center during Celebration: A Festival of Arts. The weekend festival returned to campus in April after a two-year hiatus.



Steve Corbin '13, '18 (left) and Mike Finkle '62 were the spring commencement speakers in May. Corbin not only spoke at the morning and noon ceremonies, but he walked the stage to receive his MBA during the 6 p.m. ceremony.



Erin Reichert '00, a social studies teacher at Bluffton High School in South Carolina, was selected as one of only 44 national honorees for the 2017-18 Milken Educator Award, which provides public recognition and individual financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and specialists from around the country who are furthering excellence in education. The prestigious award, which *Teacher* magazine hails as the "Oscar of Teaching," came with an unrestricted cash prize of \$25,000.



Save the date: "This Is Who We Are": EIU Homecoming 2018 is set for Oct. 20. The homecoming football game against Tennessee-Martin is set for 2 p.m. For more details, visit www.eiu.edu/homecoming

ATHLETICS ROUNDUP

Allen hired to lead volleyball team

Julie Allen was selected as the volleyball team's 12th head coach in program history. Allen comes to EIU following two successful seasons as the volunteer assistant coach at Wichita State where she helped guide the Shockers to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances. Prior to her time at Wichita State, Allen spent six years as an assistant coach at University of Texas-El Paso.

"During the interview process, Julie presented a clear vision on how she plans to rebuild the Panther volleyball program," Director of Athletics Tom Michael said. "From meeting with her and looking at her track record, most recently as an assistant at Wichita State and during her other coaching stops, we felt that she was the coach to lead our program moving forward."

Akers to retire after 23 years

Long time Eastern Illinois University director of track and field Tom Akers '81 retired from coaching the Panthers following the 2018 outdoor season. Already a member of the Illinois Track and Field Hall of Fame, in his 23 years as director Akers built the Panther programs into one of the most successful in Ohio Valley Conference history winning a combined 45 indoor and outdoor men's and women's track championships since the Panthers joined the Ohio Valley Conference. Akers also guided the Panthers to back-to-back Mid-Continent Conference (now the Summit League) indoor and outdoor men's track championships during the program's final two years in that league.

During his tenure as head coach, EIU had nine Division I first team All-Americans and a total of 19 All-Americans (first, second and honorable mention honors).



Tom Akers

Four football players get NFL tryouts

Four EIU football players received tryouts at NFL rookie mini-camps in May. Safety Tray Mitchell and long snapper AJ Hantak attended camp with the New Orleans Saints; safety Bradley Dewberry '18 attended camp with the Washington Redskins; and defensive lineman Mack Weaver '18, attended Green Bay Packers mini-camp.

Mitchell was second on the team last season with 69 tackles, while also helping the team as a kick returner. Hantak was named an honorable mention All-American and finished his senior season with 100 percent accuracy rating on snaps for punts, extra points and field goals. Dewberry was a second team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection and three-year starter for the Panthers. He tied for the team lead with three interceptions last season. Weaver played defensive tackle and defensive end for the Panthers, finishing last season with 41 tackles and 1.5 sacks.

Dively receives Glen Hesler Award

Joe Dively '81 was recognized with the Glen Hesler Award during the athletic department's annual Spring Fling event. Dively, chairman and CEO of First Mid-Illinois Bancshares Inc. in Mattoon, has been a Panther Club member since 1991 and currently serves on the EIU Board of Trustees. The award, which was created in 1982, is named for Glen Hesler, a long-time benefactor for the University, distinguished alumnus and former football player in the 1920s.

Knapp named OVC Field Athlete of the Year

Senior Haleigh Knapp was named OVC indoor and outdoor Field Athlete of the Year. Knapp placed first in high jump at the OVC Indoor Championships in February, and followed that up with a 12th place finish at nationals, which helped earn her second-team All-American honors. Earlier in the indoor season, Knapp broke her own school record with a jump of 6'0.50". In the outdoor season, Knapp placed first in the OVC Championship in May with a jump of 5'9.25".

Mhonde named OVC Freshman of the Year

Tadiwa Mhonde was named OVC Male Freshman of the Year, placing second in the 100-meter dash at the OVC Championships with a time of 10.57 and third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.28. Mhonde also was a part of the second-place 4x100-meter relay team that included Brandon Lane, Devante Smith and Cedric Johnson.



Hayley Mitchell

Two softball players earn conference honors

Junior center fielder Kayla Bear and sophomore first baseman Hayley Mitchell were both named to the All-OVC first team for the Panther softball team that finished the season with a record of 36-20. Bear posted a .353 batting average and stole 28 bases, which ranked second in the conference. Mitchell batted .405 with 11 home runs and 17 doubles, while leading the conference with 60 RBIs. Mitchell also was named to the OVC All-Tournament Team and received All-District academic honors.

Three receive conference tennis honors

Three Panther tennis players received All-OVC honors. Sophomore Stella Cliffe was named to the first team and senior Grace Summers the second team for the women's team that reached the conference tournament semifinals. Sophomore Freddie O'Brien was a second-team selection on the men's side.



Bradley Dewberry



Tadiwa Mhonde



Haleigh Knapp

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Kolman

From Fraternity Tailgate Chair to Grill Master

As the former tailgate chair of Sigma Chi fraternity, it's no surprise to see the career path alumnus Kevin Kolman '04, '09 chose to take.

Kolman went from grilling for a few dozen fraternity brothers on Saturday afternoons outside O'Brien Field to now holding the title of Weber grill master.

"It was funny how everything always seemed to revolve around grilling," Kolman said. "In the end, I could never get away from it. No matter where I was people always wanted to talk about it and I was just lucky enough to stay around and fortunate enough that Weber let me."

As Weber's grill master for the past 10 years, Kolman is the company's go-to person for grilling techniques and product questions. His job has him traveling the country instructing Weber Grill Academy courses, judging barbecue competitions, filming commercials and being the contact for various media outlets.

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For Kolman, it is more than just grilling the most perfect meals, as he relishes the entire experience of being around a grill with family and friends. Kolman said it's important to turn your cell phones off and turn your radio up while gathering around a grill.

"The world has become so disconnected," he said. "I want to set the example of the reconnection. If I am going to barbecue I want to do it for 20 people. You want to make the world better, and my vehicle for that is barbecue."

Kolman's time at EIU did more than inspire his path to grilling. As someone who grew up struggling in the classroom, he had one professor who helped cure his academic difficulties. It was now-retired professor Charles Eberly who realized it wasn't because of a lack of interest. Eberly helped Kolman discover he was dyslexic.

"The words on pages would blend together," Kolman said. "I would get my Bs and Ds mixed up. I would flip things in a sentence."

With Eberly's help, Kolman's entire approach to his education changed. For the first time, he said he was truly engaged in the learning process.

"Dr. Eberly was one of my biggest supporters, not just with helping me figure out the learning disability, but also in life," Kolman said. "He is one of the greatest educators and men I have ever been around. It was exciting to me because I actually got my first straight As in grad school, which really helped me believe I could learn and be smart."

Kolman gets asked frequently what he enjoys to grill the most. But his answer is typically, "what is it that you enjoy?"

"When you cook with love and passion, it's always reflective of that," he said.

Kolman has prepared food for celebrities and some tough critics in the past, but it's his wife, Maddie, that he is routinely trying to impress.

"In our world, she brings home the bacon and I grill the bacon," Kolman said. "She is one of the harder people to cook for because she has one of the better palettes I have been around."

But don't worry, vegetarians. Kolman doesn't just cook up the finest barbecue.

"The fun part about grilling is you can grill anything," he said. "There are some fun things you do. Recently, I did this grilled pineapple coconut rice, which was awesome. We always want to drive the flavor from different places."

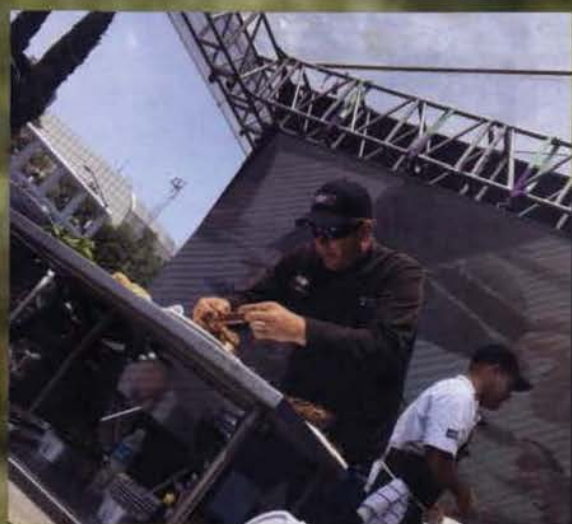
Kolman, who admits to owning 56 different grills, said he got his passion from his dad.

"I remember being around a grill when I was five years old with my dad," he said. "Year after year he always had a Weber. And that was probably the best gift he gave me."

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MORE ONLINE

To get grilling tips and tricks from Kolman visit www.weber.com/US/en/blog/authors/kevin-kolman



1960s



Roger Kratochvil '60 was recently honored by the Bottomley-Ruffing-Schaik Baseball Museum in Nokomis. Kratochvil was a long-time St. Louis Cardinals scout and is an Illinois High School Hall of Fame coach.

1970s

Dee Braden '76 was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce. Braden retired from her role as executive director of the Coles County Council on Aging in December.



Kevin Roberts '76 was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer for Geisinger Health System in Danville, Pa. Roberts was previously CFO at BJC Healthcare in St. Louis.

1980s

Barry Wright '81 was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame for his 38 years as a referee. Wright was a member of the men's track team at EIU while earning a degree in physical education.

Patricia Poulter '82, '83 was named provost and executive vice president of academic affairs by the University of Central Arkansas in Little Rock. Poulter was previously the dean of College of Arts at Kennesaw State University in Georgia and was the associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at EIU.



Phil Kambic '85 was recently included on the list of "Top Nonprofit Hospital and Health System CEOs to Know" by Becker's

Hospital Review. Kambic has been the Riverside Healthcare (Kankakee) president and CEO since 2006.

Lynn Greene '85 was named vice president of employee benefits for Hub International in Sacramento. Greene also is a board member and vice president of public relations and marketing for the Sacramento Area Human Resource Association.

Ron Tsoumas '86 was named vice president and chief financial officer of Methode Electronics Inc. Tsoumas, who has been with the company for 34 years, will oversee the company's global finance and corporate development functions.



John Stroud '87 was named editor of the Glenwood Springs Post Independent (Colorado), where he has been a reporter since 2009. Stroud

previously worked as editor and general manager of The Valley Journal in Carbondale, Colo.



Scott Noble '88 is the new athletic director at Western New Mexico University. Noble was previously the athletic director at Laramie

Community College in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Brian King '88 was named operations controller for Arconic engineered structures in Danville, where he was previously the manager of financial planning and analysis.



Michael Welker '89, '93 is the new Townsend District ranger at the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest in Montana. Welker was previously the fish

and wildlife program leader on the

Pike & San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron & Comanche National Grasslands in Colorado.

1990s

Steve Ferguson '90 has been appointed vice president with Caterpillar, where he will lead the industrial power systems division. Ferguson has most recently been general manager of Caterpillar's advanced component manufacturing business, overseeing operations at 15 global facilities.

Eric Ernd '90 was appointed principal at Crystal Lake Central High School, where he served as vice principal for six years. He received his bachelor's in physical education from EIU.



Bridgette Hensley '90, '91 was named the 2017 Provider of the Year by Winneshiek Medical Center. Hensley serves on the behavioral

health team in the medical center's Decorah, Iowa, clinic.



Rodney Hanley '91, '93 was hired to be Lake Superior State University's 10th president. Hanley previously served as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Fisk University.



Cara Williams '93 has been hired to the position of vice president and chief human resources officer for Cottage Health, which has about 3,600 employees and 1,000 volunteers. Williams was previously at Scripps Health in San Diego for nine years.

Amy Bjork '93 was promoted to vice president at Green Court Partners, LLC in Chicago. In her new role, Bjork will provide

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project management oversight and support to the accounting, asset management and property operations teams for various financial software packages.

Jeffrey Ludwig '93 was promoted to president and chief executive officer at Midland States Bank. Ludwig joined the company in 2006 as its chief financial officer.

Tricia Goostree '98 has been chosen for Super Lawyers' list of outstanding lawyers in Illinois for 2018. Goostree, the owner of Goostree Law Group in St. Charles, has received the honor three years in a row.

2000s

Carrie Garrett '01 received a Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching. Garrett is a first-grade teacher at Lynne Thigpen Elementary School in Joliet. She was one of 10 Chicago area teachers to receive the annual award.



Kyle Kissack '03 was hired as head coach for the Rochelle High School varsity football team. Kissack, a physical education teacher at RHS, was on the Panther football team from 2000-2002.

Troy Bierman '03 is taking over the head coaching job for the Newton High School basketball team. Bierman, a science teacher, also has coached cross country and baseball.

Jill Gebke '05 was named the new director for the University of Illinois Extension Service in Marion, Clinton, Bond, Jefferson and Washington counties. Gebke holds a master's degree in college student affairs from EIU.

Janet Holst-Behrens '05 was named principal at Iowa Valley Junior-Senior High School. Holst-Behrens has 31 years of teaching experience and has more than 500 wins as a head girls' basketball coach.

Jason Caraway '05 was promoted to the rank of lieutenant of the Effingham Police Department. A 10-year police veteran, Caraway will have responsibility as one of two bureau commanders in the Bureau Patrol.

Dustin Wampach '07 has joined ML Realty Partners as asset manager. Wampach will focus on portfolio operations and negotiating leases.

Tracy Wright '08 was appointed CEO of Gateway Services, a nonprofit organization that provides services to adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. She has worked for Gateway Services for 25 years.

John Maguire '08 was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the Effingham Police Department. Maguire is a 10-year police veteran and served as a captain in the Illinois National Guard.

2010s



Ashley Mackey '11 was named in March as Deer Creek (Okla.) Middle School Teacher of the Year. Mackey currently teaches eighth-grade U.S. History.



Taneya Higginbotham '12 is the new executive director of Camp New Hope in Mattoon. She previously worked for the Embarras River Basin Agency in Coles County.

Philip Mohr '13 has been appointed executive director of the Des Plaines History Center. Mohr, who earned a master's degree in historical administration, was previously serving as the organization's senior curator.



Katie Doggett '14 was one of 18 teachers in Illinois to earn an Outstanding Beginning Teacher award from the Illinois Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. Doggett is a fourth-year special education teacher at Danforth Elementary School and is a member of the Iroquois County Autism Support Team.

Jacy Samet '16 received the Jaycee of the Year Award from the Hoopeston Jaycees. Samet, who also is a teacher at Maple Grade School in Hoopeston, was recognized for her volunteer work.

Shannon Satterlee '17 has joined the news team at WQOW in Eau Claire, Wis. The journalism graduate was a part of the award-winning nightly newscast for WEIU while at EIU.



1930-1939

Elberta Marguerita Pictor '34, Palm Harbor, Fla., April 19, 2018

Mary Alice Armer (Harwood) '39, Clearwater, Fla., April 1, 2018

1940-1949

Charlie Lamar Brown '49, Decatur, Ill., January 30, 2018

1950-1959

Elmer Joseph Jamnik '50, Joliet, Ill., March 28, 2018

Carl V. Myers (Carruthers) '50, Covington, Ill., April 16, 2018

Dollie Martin (Davidson) '50, Dieterich, Ill., May 27, 2018

Jeanne M. Miller (Root) '51, Tuscola, Ill., December 12, 2017

Bobby K. Cox '52, Cisne, Ill., January 5, 2018

Floyd Allen Miller '53, Ponte Verda, Fla., August 13, 2017

Dolores Evelyn Schreck McDonald (Wilson) '54, Bloomington, Ind., October 31, 2017

Irvin John Emert '55, Bethalto, Ill., December 15, 2017

Joseph Kastl Knollenberg '55, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., February 6, 2018

Roscoe Eugene Wallace '55, Shalmar, Fla., April 25, 2018

Robert Allan Borich '56, Panama City Beach, Fla., May 23, 2018

Lenris Joseph Boudreaux '57, Brookfield, Ill., January 5, 2017

Charles Richard Pulliam '57, Farmington, Ill., December 17, 2017

William T. Allen '57, Plainfield, Ill., March 15, 2018

James Lee Parkes '57, Oakland, Ill., May 4, 2018

Denver Allen Foltz '57, Rockford, Ill., March 4, 2018

Thomas Paul Jenkins '58, Danville, Ill., April 14, 2018

Beverly Ann Wood (Sewell) '58, Sullivan, Ill., April 24, 2018

Larry L. Duckworth '59, Charleston, Ill., February 17, 2018

Raymond G. Brummett '59, Lincoln, Ill., May 11, 2018

1960-1969

Ronald P. Monge '60, Taylorville, Ill., December 17, 2017

Gene David Ebinger '60, Corvallis, Ore., January 1, 2018

Frederick Durck Wilcox '61, Harlingen, Texas, December 12, 2017

Major Dan Ragain '62, Olney, Ill., April 19, 2018

James L. Gardner '62, '63, Springfield, Ill., January 31, 2018

Dwight O. Douglas '63, '65, Athens, Ga., February 22, 2018

Susanne J. Zimmerle (Summers) '64, Fallbrook, Calif., December 21, 2017

Karen Emory Haine '64, Raleigh, N.C., March 7, 2018

Richard Smith Rhodes '64, Pekin, Ill., March 26, 2018

Sharon Ann Juriga '65, Charleston, Ill., January 28, 2018

Daniel Paul Seivonchick '65, Portland, Ore., March 8, 2018

Larry D. Taylor '65, Decatur, Ill., March 18, 2018

Louanna R. Jaeger (Gill) '65, Mattoon, Ill., May 17, 2018

Robert Sharon Miller '66, Charleston, Ill., February 20, 2018

Marilyn Cichalewski (Eversgerd) '66, Shelbyville, Ill., March 23, 2018

Don W. Templeman '67, Savoy, Ill., January 3, 2018

Charles Edward Graham '67, Decatur, Ill., March 18, 2018

Betty Jo Browning (Smith) '67, '72, Bonita Springs, Fla., March 20, 2018

Mary Alice Hackett (Egan) '68, Kansas, Ill., November 28, 2017

Paul William Tougaw '69, Valparaiso, Ind., October 25, 2017

1970-1979

James H. Coatney '70, Arcola, Ill., October 11, 2017

Thomas Ellsworth Carrell '70, Moline, Ill., January 11, 2018

Gerald Frederick Christ '70, Liberty, Ill., February 3, 2018

Diana F. Hinz '70, Cowden, Ill., February 14, 2018

Frederick Edward Strufe '70, Dwight, Ill., April 5, 2018

Florence M. Heyduck (Hagen) '71, Charleston, Ill., April 6, 2018

Richard "Doc" H. Heaney '72, Springfield, Ill., January 31, 2018

Norma Jean Anderson '72, Shelbyville, Okla., April 11, 2018

Carole A. Hutchison (Hammond) '72, Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 15, 2018

Michael Charles Kerner '73, Arcola, Ill., November 26, 2017

Bernie N. Vestel '73, Murrayville, Ill., November 26, 2017

Maruice "Mick" Francis Barry, Jr. '74, Schererville, Ind., April 7, 2018

Alice Virginia Findley (Tom) '75, Two Harbors, Minn., January 8, 2017

Martha "Marty" Ann Attaway (Cailson) '75, Robinson, Ill., November 19, 2017

Jean A. Pruvost (Over) '75, Bartonville, Ill., December 9, 2017

William "Michael" Tedder '75, Des Plaines, Ill., March 1, 2018

Gary Gene Stickney '75, Buckeye, Ariz., March 30, 2018

Alice Ann Martin (Stauffer) '77, Elkhart, Ind., December 10, 2017

Robert Humphrey '79, Mattoon, Ill., December 3, 2017

Doris Ray Glidden (Bobzin) '79, Plainfield, Ill., February 18, 2018

1980-1989

Jeffrey George Woods '80, '82, Greenwood, Ind., January 2, 2018

Ronald Lee Warmoth '81, Cincinnati, Ohio, December 2, 2017

Cynthia Jean Comell (Turner) '81, Williamsville, Ill., April 4, 2018

Mary Ellen Fredrick (Ryan) '81, Godfrey, Ill., May 12, 2018

Marcia L. McQueen '81, '85, Champaign, Ill., November 29, 2017

Margaret Betty Busk (Corley) '82, Indianapolis, Ind., January 27, 2018

Marilyn R. Hubbell (Moms) '82, Mount Vernon, Ill., March 10, 2018

Jarielle L. Winkelman (Harner) '83, Sherman, Ill., February 16, 2018

Patricia Jane Hayes '84, Chicago, Ill., March 25, 2018

Teresa Lynne Perry '85, Las Vegas, Nev., January 3, 2018

Martha Lee Canopy (Jackson) '86, Rome, Ill., August 6, 2017

David G. Suisberger '86, Louisville, Ill., February 15, 2018

1990-1999

Lee D. Knopes '90, Rockford, Ill., December 22, 2017

Angela K. Morgan (Abrahamson) '90, Scandinavia, Wis., May 9, 2018

Jennifer Lynn Heiser (Bonn) '91, Springfield, Ill., May 15, 2018

Martin Joseph Rappe '93, Sullivan, Ill., May 12, 2018

Timmy D. Tritsch '93, '96, Richland, Mich., August 19, 2017

Ted A. Ghibellini '94, Charleston, Ill., April 1, 2018

Zelda Marie Kuchenbrod (Henson) '94, Pensacola, Fla., May 10, 2018

Jennifer K. Demick (Farkas) '95, Joliet, Ill., August 10, 2017

Virginia Mar Fischer '95, Bluffton, S.C., August 20, 2017

Shari L. Caine '97, Winfield, Ill., March 30, 2018

2000-2009

Jay Gerald Koester '00, Teutopolis, Ill., February 28, 2018

Donovan Ron Hayslip '02, Louisville, Ky., March 11, 2018

Laura Kristan Giron (Gizoll) '02, Erie, Pa., May 24, 2018

Eric M. Arthur '09, Beaver Dam, Wis., April 20, 2018

2010-2018

Wayne Charles Werner '13, Streamwood, Ill., November 13, 2017

IN MEMORIAM, FACULTY AND STAFF

Debra Lynn Bosler (Combs),
Charleston, Ill., December 15, 2017
Retired Purchasing Officer

Michael Duane Taylor '79, Marshall,
Ill., January 18, 2018
Retired Head Registrar

John Marilyn Farley '67, Charleston,
Ill., January 16, 2018
*Retired Director of Business
Services and Treasurer and was
Acting Vice President of Business
Affairs*

Richard L. Keiter, Charleston, Ill.,
January 19, 2018
*Retired Distinguished Professor
Emeritus*

Raymond J. LaPorte, Dyer, Ind.,
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Instructor

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February 18, 2018
*Retired Chairman of the Foreign
Languages Dept.*

Timothy E. Wikerson, Sullivan, Ill.,
February 16, 2018
Former LANI Support Specialist II

Clarence Wayne Kinball '95,
Oakland, Ill., April 2, 2018
Retired Building Service Worker

Glenn J. Hild, Charleston, Ill.,
April 8, 2018
*Former Art Professor, Chair of Art
Dept., Assoc. Dean and the Dean of
the College of Arts & Humanities*

Robert Zabka, Leesburg, Fla.,
December 25, 2017
Professor Emeritus

Walter L. Elmore Charleston, Ill.,
April 23, 2018
Former Professor

Giles Lee Henderson Charleston, Ill.,
December 2, 2017
Retired Chemistry Professor

Michael L. Strader '68, Charleston,
Ill., March 24, 2018
*Retired Project Director - Senior
Nutrition Program*

Thomas John Holycross, Charleston,
Ill., December 31, 2017
Former BSW

MARRIAGES



Alexandra Sterling '16 and Dakota Jones, May 20, 2017
Ka'lei Jo Harms '16 and Christopher Both, October 7, 2017
Catherine Vander Ploeg '13 and Tyler Vosty, July 8, 2017
Jade Mallaney '17 and Hayden Warner '14, May 11, 2018
Zoe Roberts '16, '17 and Joseph Calio '16, April 7, 2018
Meagan Helton '17 and Austin Schaefer, November 11, 2017
Brittany O'Dell '14 and Aaron Massa, May 26, 2018
Hannah Cole '15, '16 and Preston Robinson, May 19, 2018

BIRTHS



Megan Logue (Holzhauer) '12 and Derek Logue '14;
Alec Matthew, son, February 1, 2018
Crystal Wolf '09 and Blake Wolf '11; Reese Jones, daughter,
February 2, 2018
Emma Erwin (Talbert) '12, '13 and Joseph Erwin '12, '13;
Graham Evan, son, January 9, 2018
Hanna Razo (Mennenga) '14 and Chris Razo; Corbin Wayne, son,
February 17, 2018
Alexandra Guertin (Seplak) '13 and Kyle Guertin '12; Delante
Ryan, daughter, February 21, 2018
Katherine Peterson (Crowley) '06 and Mark Peterson '05;
Emily Valeria, daughter, December 22, 2017
Tresica Foreman (Davis) '09 and Mike Foreman; Reid Michael, son,
March 27, 2018
Danielle Silvernail (Flynn) '11 and Josh Silvernail; Jaxon Flynn, son,
April 21, 2018
Reynae Pierce (Hutchinson) '14 and Alex Pierce '15; Jameson
Henry Alexander, son, April 24, 2018
Aubrey Crozier (Frank) '12 and Brandon Crozier; Bryston James,
son, May 14, 2018



Graham Evan, born January 9, 2018, son of Emma
Erwin (Talbert) '12, '13 and Joseph Erwin '12, '13



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